

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE:<br><br>CENTRAL IOWA POWER<br>COOPERATIVE | DOCKET NO. E-21445 |
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**ORDER GRANTING FRANCHISE**

(Issued November 4, 1999)

On April 26, 1999, Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) filed a petition, identified as Docket No. E-21445, with the Iowa Utilities Board for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate approximately 9.52 miles of 72,500-volt maximum voltage electric transmission line in Buchanan County, Iowa, pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. No objections to the petition have been filed as provided for by IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).
2. Notice of the petition was published as required by IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).
3. CIPCO has filed an agreement to pay all costs and expenses of this franchise proceeding pursuant to IOWA CODE § 478.4 (1999).
4. The transmission line is necessary to serve a public use. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).

5. The transmission line represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electric energy in the public interest. This conclusion is based on information provided pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).

6. The transmission line will meet or exceed the minimum engineering requirements of the rules of the Board and will conform to the requirements of IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).

7. CIPCO has not requested it be vested with the right of eminent domain.

8. The transmission line is near and parallel to a railroad rights of way or along division lines of land, wherever practicable and reasonable, and so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use of land by the occupants consistent with IOWA CODE § 478.18 (1999).

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Utilities Board has jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999).

2. The Utilities Board has authority pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999) to grant franchises for the construction, erection, maintenance, and operation of certain electric transmission lines outside cities in the state for the transmission, distribution, or sale of electric current within the state. IOWA CODE § 478.1 (1999). CIPCO has met the requirements of IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999) and 199 IOWA ADMIN. CODE Chapter 11, and a franchise should be issued to CIPCO for the transmission line described in the petition.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The petition is granted and a franchise will be issued to Central Iowa Power Cooperative to construct, erect, operate, and maintain an electric transmission line as specifically described in the franchise attached to this order and incorporated by this reference.

2. The Utilities Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter in this docket pursuant to IOWA CODE Chapter 478 (1999), and may at any time during the period of the franchise make such further orders as may be necessary.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.



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The right of eminent domain is not requested and, therefore, not included by the Board in its order granting this franchise.

It is provided and understood this franchise is granted subject to the provisions of IOWA CODE § 319.5 (1999).

It is further provided and is a condition of this franchise that the Board retain jurisdiction and may at any time during the period of this franchise make such further orders and regulations as may be necessary.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms  
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.